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11. (SBU) POL/C met February 14 with MFA International Organizations Department Deputy Director General Vu Anh Quang to discuss reftel points. Quang reported that, while Vietnam believes that the next UN Secretary-General must be effective and competent and enjoy the wide support of the world community, he or she must also represent the Asian region. Although Vietnam has not yet settled on an individual candidate from among the three who are in the running, there is a "high-level consensus" within ASEAN to support the Thai Deputy Prime Minister. Quang pledged to report our views to his Ministry's leadership.

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